



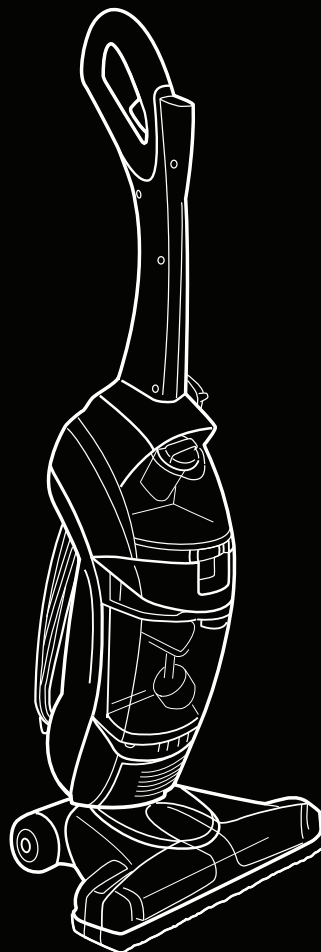
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User Guide

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Hard floor cleaner

Floormate



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What's your Vax's model number?

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What's your serial number? (Located on the base of the machine)

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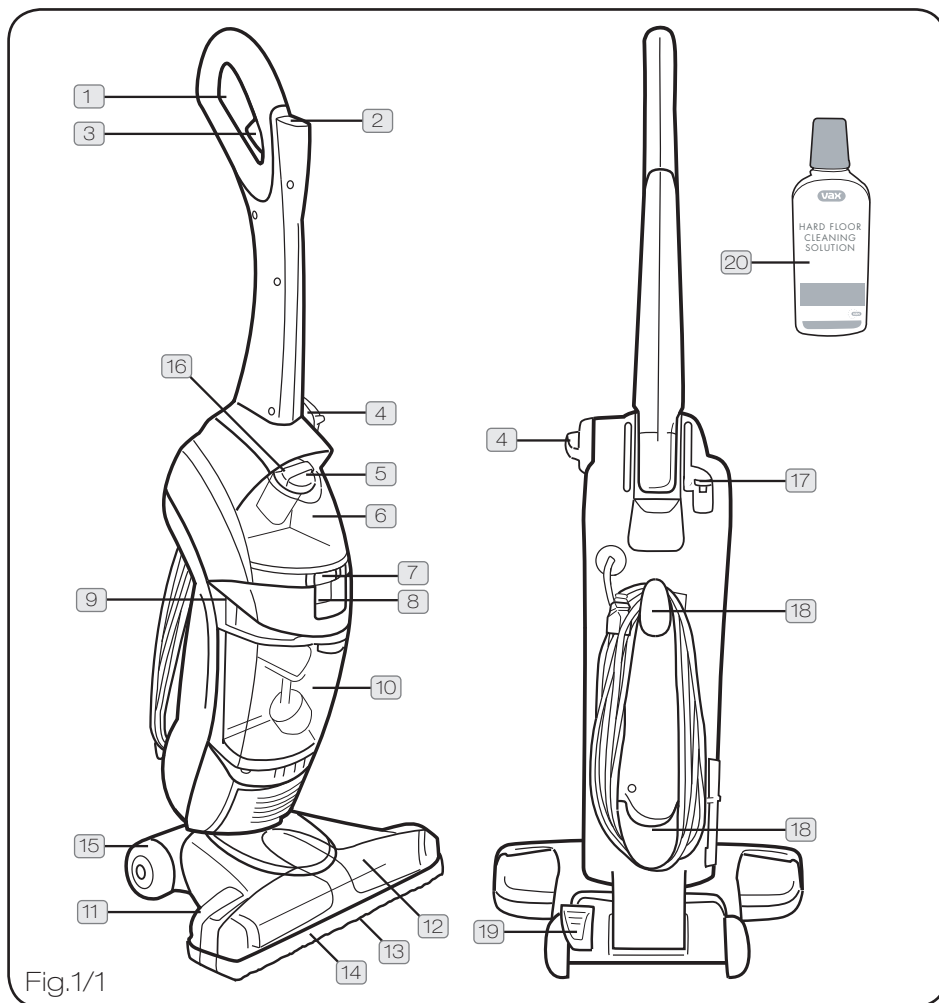
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Machine Overview



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| 1 Soft hand grip | 8 Recovery tank release | 15 Soft-tread wheels |
| 2 On/off switch | 9 Recovery tank lid and filter | 16 Carry handle |
| 3 Solution trigger | 10 Recovery tank | 17 Upper handle release button |
| 4 Mode selector | 11 Nozzle release buttons | 18 Cord hooks |
| 5 Clean solution tank cap | 12 Nozzle | 19 Handle release pedal |
| 6 Clean solution tank | 13 Squeegee | 20 Hard floor cleaning solution |
| 7 Clean solution tank release | 14 Bumper | |

General Safety Information

FOR HOUSE HOLD USE ONLY.

When using the hard floor cleaner, basic safety precautions should always be observed, including the following:

1. Do not leave the hard floor cleaner unattended when plugged in. Unplug it from socket when not in use.
2. To prevent electric shock do not use outdoors.
3. Not to be used as a toy. Children should be supervised to ensure that they do not play with the appliance.
4. This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning the use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
5. Use only as described in this manual.
6. Do not use the cleaner if it has been dropped, damaged, left outdoors or dropped into water. Do not use the cleaner with a damaged cord or plug. If the supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by the manufacturer or a recommended Service Agent to avoid hazard and invalidating the guarantee.
7. Do not pull or carry by cord/hose. Do not use the cord/hose as a handle, close a door on the cord/hose or pull cord/hose around sharp edges or corners. Do not run the carpet washer over the cord/hose. Keep the cord away from heated surfaces.
8. Do not unplug by pulling on the cord.
9. Do not handle the plug or hard floor cleaner with wet hands.
10. Do not put any objects into openings or operate with openings blocked, keep them free of anything that may reduce airflow.
11. Keep hair, loose clothing, fingers and all parts of the body away from openings and moving parts.
12. Do not use the hard floor cleaner on any glowing, burning or smoking particles.
13. Do not use without the solution tank and dirty water tank in place.
14. Turn off all controls before unplugging.
15. Do not use to pick up flammable or combustible liquids such as petrol, or use in areas where they may be present.
16. Keep the unit on the floor.
17. Do not attempt to remove blockages with sharp objects as they may cause damage.
18. Store in doors put away after use to prevent tripping accidents.
19. Using improper voltage may result in damage to the motor and possible injury to the user. The correct voltage is listed on the rating label.
20. A hazard may occur if the cleaner runs over the power supply cord.
21. To prevent dirty water from running into the motor, do not hold the appliance upside-down or lay on its side. Use appliance in normal cleaning position.
22. Use extra care when cleaning on stairs.
23. Do not carry appliance while motor is running.
24. Use only SAA approved 10 amp extension cords. Non-approved cords may overheat. Care should be taken to arrange the cord so that the cord cannot be tripped over.



WARNING: Always switch off and unplug your machine from the electrical out let before filling and emptying the solution tank, emptying the dirty water tank, before assembling, opening, before connecting/disconnecting the attachments, or carrying out maintenance or trouble shooting checks and storage.



NOTE: Hard floors should be dry vacuumed thoroughly before washing.



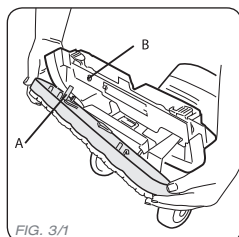
IMPORTANT: Cleaning filters maintains cleaning performance. Vax recommends that your filters should be checked and cleaned periodically. If your filters are washable make sure they are completely dry before inserting back into the machine.

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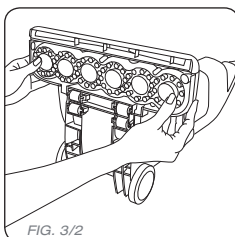
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Operation

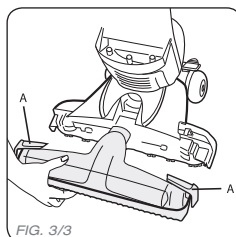
Installing Brushes and Nozzle



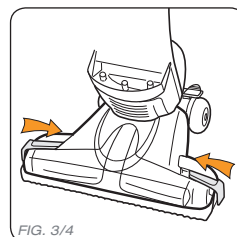
To install brushes, place handle in upright position. Tilt cleaner back so that it rests on the floor. Align post (A) on brush block with hole (B) on bottom of cleaner. Turn brushes slightly until post fits easily into hole.



Press brush assembly firmly to snap into place.

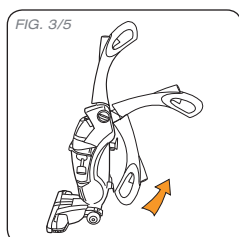


To install nozzle, make sure latches (A) are out. Align middle section of nozzle with opening on cleaner. Remove cardboard packing insert from squeegee area on underside of nozzle.

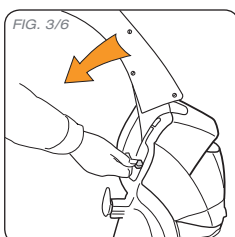


While holding nozzle in place, slide latches inward to lock in place.

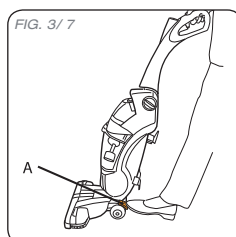
Unfold Handle



Raise upper handle to upright position until it locks in place.



To lower handle, press upper handle release button and fold handle to storage position.

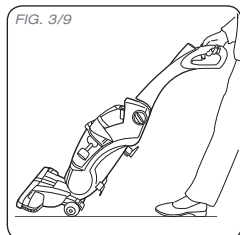


Step on pedal (A) to lower handle to operating position.

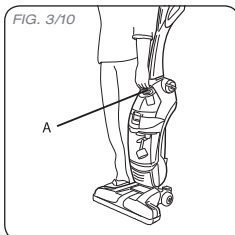
Handle does not lock into a single position, but "floats" to allow convenient operation.

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Transporting

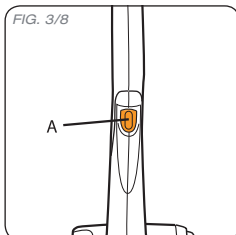


To move your cleaner from room to room, put handle in upright position, tilt cleaner back on rear wheels and push forward.



The cleaner may also be lifted using the carrying handle (A) on the front of the cleaner.

On/Off Switch



Push switch (A) once to turn cleaner ON. Push switch again to turn cleaner OFF.

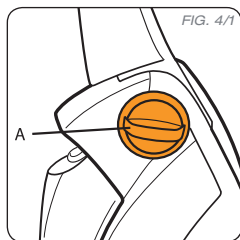
Your FloorMate cleaner can be used to both vacuum dry debris and wet clean non-carpeted floor surfaces such as vinyl, tile and sealed wood. It is not intended for use on carpet or rugs.



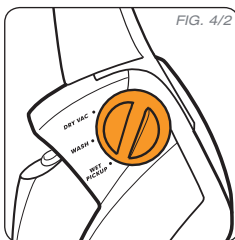
CAUTION: To prevent damage to wood floors, follow the flooring manufacturer's cleaning recommendations.

NOTE: If using cleaner on sealed wood floors, inspect floor surface for worn finish, bare wood or separated joints. Do not use the cleaner to wet clean sealed wood floors if any of these conditions exist.

Mode Selector Dial



The Mode selector dial (A) turns the brushes on and off.



For dry debris pickup, turn the dial to the DRY VAC position. In this position, the brushes will not rotate and are raised off the floor surface.

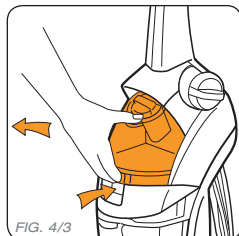
To wet clean with brushes turned ON, turn the dial to the WASH position. For wet pickup, turn the dial to the WET PICKUP position.

Operation

Filling the Solution (Upper) Tank

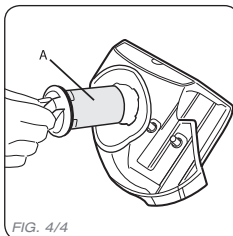
The solution tank holds solution and clean water that is to be dispersed onto the surface being cleaned.

NOTE: Disconnect cleaner from electrical outlet.

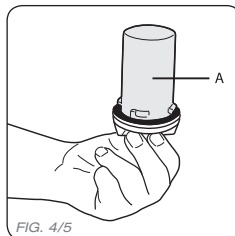


Place cleaner handle in upright, locked position.

To remove tank, squeeze release button and pull tank straight out.



Carry tank to a sink. Rotate tank cap counter-clockwise and lift up to remove cap (A).

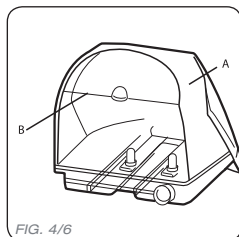


Turn cap (A) upside down to serve as a measuring cup.

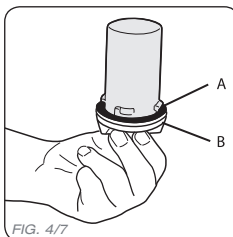
For hard surface floors such as vinyl, linoleum, marble, laminate wood, polyurethane sealed wood or other wood floors that can normally be cleaned using water, use one cup of Vax cleaning solution.



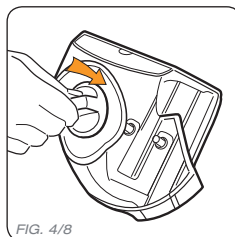
IMPORTANT: Check for worn spots or joint separations before using, as these conditions could lead to damaged flooring when using water to clean floor.



Pour cleaning solution into tank (A). Fill tank to fill line (B) with warm water (Max 40°C).

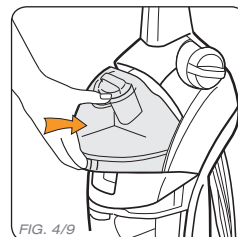


If rubber ring (A) on cap has become dislodged, reposition it with uneven side against ledge (B).



Replace cap. Rotate cap clockwise until it locks in place.

Cap must be locked in place for proper performance and to prevent leaking.



Slide tank straight into position until latch snaps in place.

Operation

Emptying the Recovery (Lower) Tank

An automatic suction shut-off is built into the recovery tank to prevent the tank from overflowing. When the shutoff activates, the cleaner will not pick up debris and the sound of the motor will change. The recovery tank is full and must be emptied.

Turn cleaner off and disconnect from electrical outlet.

Although not necessary for satisfactory performance, it is recommended that the recovery tank be emptied after dry vacuuming and before wet operation. Check the solution tank also. It may need to be refilled at this time.

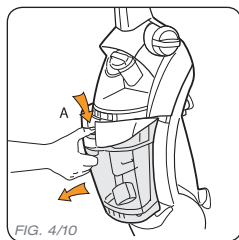


FIG. 4/10
To remove tank, press down on release button (A) and pull tank straight out.

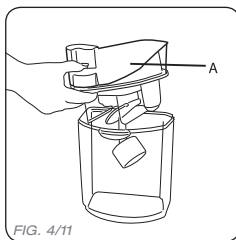


FIG. 4/11
Remove tank lid (A). Empty tank.

Picking Up Spills

Your cleaner may also be used to pick up small liquid spills (max 5mm in depth) on non-carpeted floors. Turn Mode selector dial to the WET PICKUP position and release the trigger. Continue to move cleaner over the area to pick up the spill.



IMPORTANT: Do not use the cleaner to pick up flammable or combustible liquids or chemicals. Do not use the cleaner to pick up detergents that contain solvent based ingredients.

Operation

Recommended Cleaning Sequence

Use your Vax FloorMate to:

- Dry vacuum to remove loose dirt, hair and debris.
- Wet clean the floor surface. The brushes will provide light agitation to help loosen dirt.
- Wet pickup reduces drying time of the floor surface.

The Mode selector dial turns the brushes on and off as described in section 4.

Your Vax cleaner may be used to clean wood floors that have been sealed with a polyurethane coating and can be cleaned with water.

CAUTION: To prevent damage to wood floors, follow the flooring manufacturer's cleaning recommendations.

If using cleaner on sealed wood floors, inspect floor surface for worn finish, bare wood or separated joints. Do not use the cleaner to wet clean sealed wood floors if any of these conditions exist.

Set Mode selector dial to DRY VAC position and vacuum floor.

Turn cleaner off and disconnect from electrical outlet. Empty recovery tank (see previous section). See "Cleaning the brushes" for removing and replacing brushes.

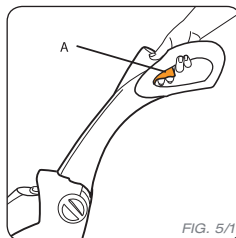
Fill solution tank with cleaning solution and clean water (see section 4 – "Filling the Solution (Upper) Tank").

Do not use solvent based cleaning concentrates in your cleaner. Do not use any type of wax in your cleaner.

Turn Mode selector dial to WASH position.

Dry hands and plug cleaner into a properly earthed outlet.

Step on handle release pedal and lower handle to operating position. Turn cleaner ON.



To release solution, squeeze trigger (A) as needed and slowly move cleaner forward and backward over area to be cleaned.

Overlap strokes by one inch to help prevent streaking. The cleaner's suction will pick up the dirty solution throughout cleaning.

To greatly enhance drying of the floor surface, release trigger and turn Mode selector dial to the WET PICKUP position. Continue to move cleaner over the area to pick up the dirty solution.

To continue cleaning another area, turn Mode selector dial to WASH position and repeat previous steps.

NOTE: When cleaning sealed wood floors, make sure all areas are completely dry. Ensure that no water remains on the floor.

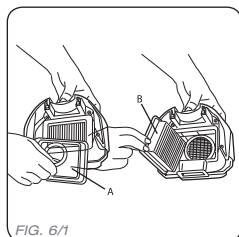
NOTE: When switching between wet cleaning and wet pickup, it is not necessary to turn the cleaner off. Simply move the Mode selector dial between the two settings.

Empty recovery tank or clean the filter when the motor sound becomes higher in pitch and there is a loss of suction (see previous section).

Maintenance (Keep your Vax as good as new)

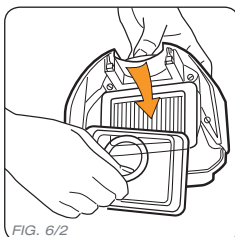
Cleaning the Filters

The tank lid contains a washable, reusable filter. Clean this filter when suction is low or reduced. Turn cleaner off and disconnect from electrical outlet.



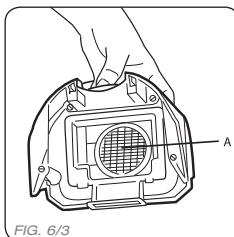
Remove recovery tank and lid as described in Section 4.

Remove filter lid (A), then remove filter (B).



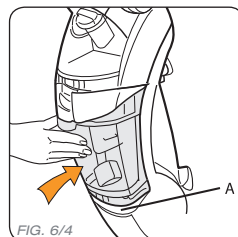
Remove loose debris from filter by tapping the filter or gently brushing using your hand. The filter may also be rinsed for additional cleaning. Allow filter to air dry between uses (allow 24hrs to dry completely).

Reposition filter. Replace filter lid. Press down firmly until snapped in place.



Dry or loose debris will also collect on the filter screen located in the tank lid.

To remove debris from screen, remove the pleated filter from the lid. Remove debris from screen (A). The filter screen may also be cleaned by rinsing it under running water.



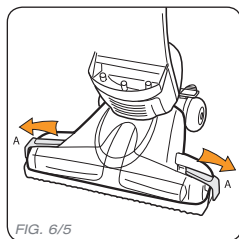
Reposition pleated filter in lid. Replace lid onto recovery tank, pressing down firmly until snapped in place.

To replace recovery tank, place bottom of tank behind ledge (A) and push tank straight into cleaner body until it is locked in place.

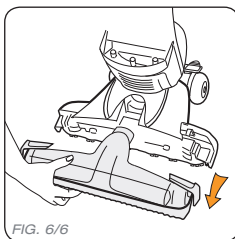
Maintenance (Keep your Vax as good as new)

Cleaning the Nozzle

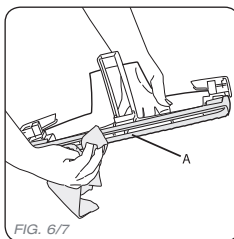
Turn cleaner OFF and disconnect from electrical outlet. The cleaner's nozzle can be removed for easy cleaning.



Slide the two nozzle release latches (A) outward.



Remove nozzle by pulling straight out.



Rinse nozzle under running water. Remove debris from squeegee (A) and wipe with a damp cloth.

To replace nozzle, make sure latches are out. With the cleaner in the upright position, align middle section of nozzle with opening on cleaner and slide latches inward as described in Section 3.

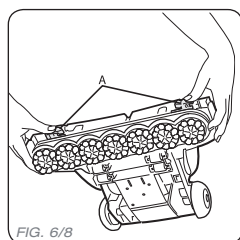
Maintenance (Keep your Vax as good as new)

Cleaning the Brushes

The brush assembly can be removed for easy cleaning. Turn cleaner OFF and disconnect from electrical outlet.

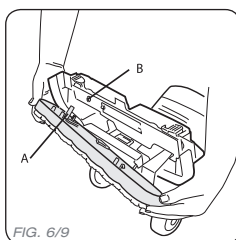
Place handle in the upright position. Remove tanks to prevent leaking. Set aside.

Pull the two nozzle release buttons out and remove nozzle as Fig.6/3. Tilt cleaner back so handle rests on floor.

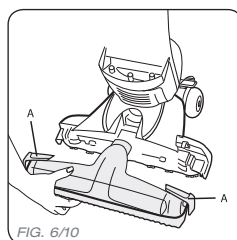


Push two brush release buttons (A) and remove the brush assembly.

The brushes can be washed with a mild detergent and rinsed. Do not use a solvent based detergent.



To replace brushes, align post (A) on brush block with hole (B) on bottom of cleaner. Turn brushes slightly until post fits easily into hole. Press brush assembly firmly to snap into place.



Return cleaner to upright position. Replace nozzle, making sure latches (A) are out.

Align middle section of nozzle with opening on cleaner. While holding nozzle in place, slide latches inward to lock in place. Replace tanks

FAQ's



WARNING: To reduce the risk of personal injury, unplug the hard floor cleaner before performing maintenance/troubleshooting checks.

Problem	Cause	Solution
Cleaner won't run	No electricity in the electrical outlet	Check fuse or breaker
	Blown fuse/tripped breaker	Reset circuit breaker or replace fuse
Cleaner won't pick up/loss of suction	Automatic shut-off activated	Turn cleaner off and then on again or empty the dirty water tank (See page 7).
	Filter or filter lid missing or not positioned correctly	Ensure dirty water tank filter and filter lid are positioned in the dirty water tank lid
	Dirty water tank or clean water tank not positioned correctly	Ensure both tanks are locked in place
	Filter is dirty	Clean filter
	Nozzle not properly positioned	Ensure nozzle is replaced properly and locked
Water puddling behind cleaner	Excess cleaning solution foaming in tanks	Use only Vax Floor Cleaner
	Clean water tank not correctly installed	Ensure tank is installed correctly
	Dirty water tank is full	Empty tank
Cleaner does not pick up dirty solution	Cleaner not set to PICKUP	Set mode selector switch to PICKUP
	Dirty water tank not properly installed	Ensure that the dirty water tank is correctly installed
	Dirty water tank full / Automatic shut-off engaged	Remove and empty the dirty water tank
	Filter or filter lid missing or not positioned correctly	Ensure dirty water tank filter and filter lid are positioned in the dirty water tank lid
Cleaner solution won't dispense	Clean water tank not firmly in place	Ensure tank is securely locked in position
	Clean water tank empty	Refill clean water tank.
	Handle not assembled correctly	Refer to page 4
Brushes won't rotate	Mode selector switch set to PICKUP	Move mode selector switch to SCRUB position



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If you have queries or concerns about using your Vax, call the Vax Careline. Calls are charged at the standard local rate. Please make a note of the serial number and model number of the vacuum cleaner before calling.

For the nearest Service Agent, please call the Vax Customer Careline or visit www.vax.com.au

Technical Specification

Voltage: 220-240V ~50Hz

Wattage: 700W

Capacity: Solution / clean water tank: 1.1 Litres
Recovery tank: 1.6 Litres

Cord length: 8m

Weight: 7.3kg

Filter: Filter screen – washable
Main filter – washable

Subject to technical change without notice.



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